

House File 590

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1 Amend House File 590 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <DIVISION I

5 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

6 Section 1. Section 48A.7, Code 2021, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **48A.7 Registration in person.**

9 An eligible elector may register to vote by appearing
10 personally and completing a voter registration form at the
11 office of the commissioner in the county in which the person
12 resides, at a motor vehicle driver's license station, including
13 any county treasurer's office that is participating in county
14 issuance of driver's licenses under [chapter 321M](#), or at any
15 voter registration agency. A For paper registration forms,
16 a separate voter registration form shall be signed by each
17 individual registrant.

18 Sec. 2. Section 48A.8, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 1. An eligible elector may request that a voter registration
21 form be mailed to the elector. The completed form may be
22 mailed or delivered by the registrant or the registrant's
23 designee to the commissioner in the county where the person
24 resides or to the state commissioner of elections for a
25 program participant, as provided in [section 9E.6](#). A For paper
26 registration forms, a separate voter registration form shall be
27 signed by each individual registrant.

28 Sec. 3. Section 48A.18, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2021, are
29 amended to read as follows:

30 1. Each state motor vehicle driver's license application,
31 including any renewal application or application for a
32 nonoperator's identification card, submitted to the office
33 of driver services of the state department of transportation
34 shall serve as an application for voter registration unless
35 the commissioner of registration determines that the applicant

1 is not an eligible elector or the applicant declines to
2 register to vote after receiving notification under subsection
3 4A. A completed application or paper voter registration
4 form submitted to the office of driver services of the state
5 department of transportation shall be considered to update any
6 previous voter registration by the registrant.

7 3. Information relating to the ~~refusal~~ decision of an
8 applicant for a driver's license to ~~apply~~ decline to register
9 to vote shall not be used for any purpose other than voter
10 registration.

11 Sec. 4. Section 48A.18, subsection 4, Code 2021, is amended
12 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
13 following:

14 4. a. The state voter registration commission shall
15 establish schedules by which the department of transportation
16 shall transmit to the state registrar of voters electronic
17 records containing the legal name, age, residence, and
18 citizenship information for, and the electronic signature of,
19 each person submitting an application under this section.

20 b. The state voter registration commission shall establish
21 schedules by which the state registrar of voters shall make
22 accessible or transmit electronic records and electronic
23 signatures received under paragraph "a" to the appropriate
24 commissioner of registration.

25 c. The state voter registration commission shall establish
26 schedules by which the department of transportation shall
27 transmit any completed paper registration forms to the
28 appropriate commissioner of registration.

29 d. The state commissioner of elections shall adopt rules,
30 consistent with section 9E.6, for the registration of address
31 confidentiality program participants.

32 e. The state voter registration commission shall adopt
33 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer and interpret this
34 section, including rules to establish electronic and paper
35 forms and all procedures used by the office of driver services

1 for voter registration purposes, rules to establish schedules
2 for transmission of electronic records, electronic signatures,
3 and completed paper voter registration forms, and rules and
4 forms to decline being registered to vote.

5 Sec. 5. Section 48A.18, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. a. (1) Upon receiving the electronic
8 record for, and electronic signature of, a person under
9 subsection 4, the state registrar of voters shall transmit or
10 otherwise make accessible the electronic record and electronic
11 signature of the person to the commissioner of registration
12 of the county where the person resides. Upon reviewing the
13 electronic record received from the state registrar of voters,
14 along with any other relevant information, the commissioner of
15 registration shall determine if a person is an eligible elector
16 of the county. If the commissioner determines that a person is
17 an eligible elector of the county and is not registered to vote
18 in that county, the commissioner shall notify the person of the
19 separate processes to decline being registered to vote or to
20 declare a political party affiliation.

21 (2) If the person is registered to vote in the county, the
22 commissioner shall use the electronic record and information to
23 update the person's voter registration if appropriate.

24 b. If a person notified under paragraph "a" does not decline
25 to be registered to vote within twenty-one calendar days after
26 the commissioner of registration issues the notification, the
27 person's electronic record and electronic signature shall
28 constitute a completed voter registration form under section
29 48A.11, and the commissioner of registration shall register the
30 person to vote in that county. The commissioner shall send an
31 acknowledgment pursuant to section 48A.26.

32 c. A commissioner of registration shall not add a person
33 subject to registration under this subsection to a voter
34 registration list until at least twenty-one calendar days
35 after the commissioner has issued notification to the person

1 as described in paragraph "a".

2 d. The electronic record and electronic signature, received
3 under this subsection, of a person who does not qualify
4 as an eligible elector shall not constitute a completed
5 voter registration form under section 48A.11 and such a
6 person's application for a driver's license or nonoperator's
7 identification card shall not be considered to be a voter
8 registration application for purposes of section 39A.2,
9 subsection 1, paragraph "a".

10 Sec. 6. Section 48A.19, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. The department of education and all
13 state offices that collect personal information sufficient to
14 complete a voter registration application, as determined by the
15 state commissioner.

16 Sec. 7. Section 48A.19, subsection 4, paragraph a,
17 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 The A voter registration agency that does not collect
20 personal information sufficient to complete a voter
21 registration application shall provide a form to applicants
22 that includes all of the following:

23 Sec. 8. Section 48A.21, Code 2021, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **48A.21 Transmission of forms from agencies and driver's**
26 **license stations.**

27 1. The state registrar of voters shall adopt administrative
28 rules regulating the transmission of completed voter
29 registration forms from voter registration agencies and from
30 ~~driver's license stations, including county treasurer's offices~~
31 ~~participating in county issuance of driver's licenses under~~
32 ~~chapter 321M.~~ All completed voter registration applications
33 in the possession of a voter registration agency, ~~a driver's~~
34 ~~license station, or a county treasurer's office that is~~
35 ~~participating in county issuance of driver's licenses at 5:00~~

1 p.m. on the last workday of each week shall be transmitted
2 to the location designated by the state registrar of voters
3 by rule. Procedures or requirements for more frequent
4 transmissions may be specified by rule.

5 2. a. The state voter registration commission shall
6 establish schedules by which the voter registration agencies
7 pursuant to section 48A.19 that collect personal information
8 sufficient to complete a voter registration application shall
9 transmit to the state registrar of voters electronic records
10 containing the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship
11 information for, and the electronic signature of, each person
12 providing personal information as described in this section.

13 b. The state voter registration commission shall establish
14 schedules by which the state registrar of voters shall make
15 accessible or transmit electronic records and electronic
16 signatures received under paragraph "a" to the appropriate
17 commissioner of registration.

18 c. The state voter registration commission shall establish
19 schedules by which voter registration agencies shall transmit
20 any completed paper registration forms to the appropriate
21 commissioner of registration.

22 d. The state commissioner of elections shall adopt rules,
23 consistent with section 9E.6, for the registration of address
24 confidentiality program participants.

25 e. The state voter registration commission shall adopt
26 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer and interpret this
27 section, including rules to establish electronic and paper
28 forms and all procedures used by voter registration agencies
29 for voter registration purposes, rules to establish schedules
30 for transmission of electronic records, electronic signatures,
31 and completed paper voter registration forms, and rules and
32 forms to decline being registered to vote.

33 3. a. (1) Upon receiving the electronic record for, and
34 electronic signature of, a person under subsection 2, the state
35 registrar of voters shall transmit or otherwise make accessible

1 the electronic record and electronic signature of the person to
2 the commissioner of registration of the county where the person
3 resides. Upon reviewing the electronic record received from
4 the state registrar of voters, along with any other relevant
5 information, the commissioner of registration shall determine
6 if a person is an eligible elector of the county. If the
7 commissioner determines that a person is an eligible elector
8 of the county and is not registered to vote in that county, the
9 commissioner shall notify the person of the separate processes
10 to decline being registered to vote or to declare a political
11 party affiliation.

12 (2) If the person is registered to vote in the county, the
13 commissioner shall use the electronic record and information to
14 update the person's voter registration if appropriate.

15 b. If a person notified under paragraph "a" does not decline
16 to be registered to vote within twenty-one calendar days after
17 the commissioner of registration issues the notification, the
18 person's electronic record and electronic signature shall
19 constitute a completed voter registration form under section
20 48A.11, and the commissioner of registration shall register the
21 person to vote in that county. The commissioner shall send an
22 acknowledgment pursuant to section 48A.26.

23 c. A commissioner of registration shall not add a person
24 subject to registration under this subsection to a voter
25 registration list until at least twenty-one calendar days
26 after the commissioner has issued notification to the person
27 as described in paragraph "a".

28 d. The electronic record and electronic signature, received
29 under this subsection, of a person who does not qualify as
30 an eligible elector shall not constitute a completed voter
31 registration form under section 48A.11 and such a person shall
32 not be considered to have submitted a voter registration
33 application for purposes of section 39A.2, subsection 1,
34 paragraph "a".

35 Sec. 9. Section 48A.26, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code

1 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2 **b. (1)** For a voter registration form or change of
3 information in a voter registration record submitted at a
4 precinct caucus, the commissioner shall send an acknowledgment
5 within forty-five days of receipt of the form or change of
6 information.

7 **(2)** For a voter registration application or change of
8 information in a voter registration record completed pursuant
9 to section 48A.18 or 48A.19, the commissioner shall send an
10 acknowledgment within seven working days of the person being
11 registered under either section.

12 Sec. 10. Section 48A.26, subsection 8, Code 2021, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 8. ~~An~~ A completed voter registration application,
15 improperly transmitted under section 48A.18, subsection
16 4A, or under section 48A.21, subsection 2, or an improperly
17 addressed or delivered registration form shall be transmitted
18 or forwarded to the appropriate county commissioner of
19 registration within two working days after it is received by
20 any other official. The date of registration shall be the date
21 the completed application or registration form was received by
22 the first official. If the registration form was postmarked
23 fifteen or more days before an election and the registration
24 form was received by the first official after the close of
25 registration, the registration form shall be considered on time
26 for the election.

27 Sec. 11. Section 48A.36, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 1. ~~Voter registration agencies and the office of driver~~
30 ~~services of the state department of transportation~~ may
31 electronically transmit registration data to the state
32 registrar of voters, who shall distribute the information,
33 electronically or otherwise, to the appropriate commissioner
34 in accordance with rules of the state voter registration
35 commission and the state registrar of voters. The office of

1 driver services of the state department of transportation and
2 voter registration agencies that collect personal information
3 sufficient to complete a voter registration application
4 shall electronically transmit registration data to the state
5 registrar of voters as required pursuant to sections 48A.18
6 and 48A.21. The state agency originating the registration
7 data shall permanently retain an electronic copy of the
8 form completed by the registrant, including the registrant's
9 signature, and shall develop procedures for the retrieval and
10 printing of that electronic document. A printed copy of an
11 electronic registration document shall be made only upon the
12 agency's receipt of a court order.

13 Sec. 12. Section 331.557A, subsection 5, Code 2021, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 5. Participate in voter registration according to the
16 terms of [chapter 48A](#), and submit completed voter registration
17 forms to the ~~state registrar of voters~~ appropriate county
18 commissioner of registration.

19 Sec. 13. EMERGENCY RULES. The state voter registration
20 commission, in consultation with the department of
21 transportation and voter registration agencies, may adopt
22 emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section
23 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions
24 of this division of this Act and the rules shall be effective
25 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the
26 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall
27 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided
28 in section 17A.4.

29 Sec. 14. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
30 3, shall not apply to this division of this Act.

31 DIVISION II

32 VOTING BY CERTAIN CONVICTED PERSONS

33 Sec. 15. Section 39A.1, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 2. The purpose of [this chapter](#) is to identify actions which

1 threaten the integrity of the election process and to impose
2 significant sanctions upon persons who intentionally commit
3 those acts. It is the intent of the general assembly that
4 offenses with the greatest potential to affect the election
5 process be vigorously prosecuted and strong punishment meted
6 out through the imposition of felony sanctions which, as a
7 consequence, remove the voting rights of the offenders until
8 such rights are restored by the governor, by the president of
9 the United States, or by operation of law. Other offenses are
10 still considered serious, but based on the factual context in
11 which they arise, they may not rise to the level of offenses
12 to which felony penalties attach. The general assembly
13 also recognizes that instances may arise in which technical
14 infractions of [chapters 39 through 53](#) may occur which do not
15 merit any level of criminal sanction. In such instances,
16 administrative notice from the state or county commissioner
17 of elections is sufficient. Mandates or proscriptions in
18 chapters 39 through 53 which are not specifically included in
19 this chapter shall be considered to be directive only, without
20 criminal sanction.

21 Sec. 16. Section 43.18, subsection 9, Code 2021, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 9. A statement that the candidate is aware that the
24 candidate is disqualified from holding office if the candidate
25 has been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime and the
26 candidate's rights have not been restored by the governor, or
27 by the president of the United States, or by operation of law.

28 Sec. 17. Section 43.67, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code
29 2021, is amended to read as follows:

30 i. A statement that the candidate is aware that the
31 candidate is disqualified from holding office if the candidate
32 has been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime and the
33 candidate's rights have not been restored by the governor, or
34 by the president of the United States, or by operation of law.

35 Sec. 18. Section 44.3, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code 2021,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 *i.* A statement that the candidate is aware that the
3 candidate is disqualified from holding office if the candidate
4 has been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime and the
5 candidate's rights have not been restored by the governor, ~~or~~
6 by the president of the United States, or by operation of law.

7 Sec. 19. Section 45.3, subsection 9, Code 2021, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 9. A statement that the candidate is aware that the
10 candidate is disqualified from holding office if the candidate
11 has been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime and the
12 candidate's rights have not been restored by the governor, ~~or~~
13 by the president of the United States, or by operation of law.

14 Sec. 20. Section 48A.6, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 1. A person who has been convicted of a felony as defined
17 in section 701.7, or convicted of an offense classified as a
18 felony under federal law. If the person's rights are later
19 restored pursuant to section 914.8, or by a pardon issued by
20 the governor, ~~or by the president of the United States~~, the
21 person may register to vote.

22 Sec. 21. Section 57.1, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2021,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 *c.* That prior to the election the incumbent had been duly
25 convicted of a felony, as defined in section 701.7, and that
26 the judgment had not been reversed, annulled, or set aside, nor
27 the incumbent pardoned by the governor or the president of the
28 United States or restored to the rights of citizenship ~~by the~~
29 ~~governor under chapter 914~~ pursuant to section 914.8, at the
30 time of the election.

31 Sec. 22. Section 123.3, subsection 40, paragraph d, Code
32 2021, is amended to read as follows:

33 *d.* The person has not been convicted of a felony. However,
34 if the person's conviction of a felony occurred more than five
35 years before the date of the application for a license or

1 permit, and if the person's rights of citizenship have been
2 restored by the governor pursuant to sections 914.1 through
3 914.6, the administrator may determine that the person is of
4 good moral character notwithstanding such conviction.

5 Sec. 23. Section 161A.5, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
6 2021, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Every candidate shall file with the nomination papers
8 an affidavit stating the candidate's name, the candidate's
9 residence, that the person is a candidate and is eligible for
10 the office of commissioner, and that if elected the candidate
11 will qualify for the office. The affidavit shall also state
12 that the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified
13 from holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a
14 felony or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have
15 not been restored by the governor, or by the president of the
16 United States, or by operation of law.

17 Sec. 24. Section 277.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
18 2021, is amended to read as follows:

19 b. Signers of nomination petitions shall include their
20 addresses and the date of signing, and must reside in the same
21 director district as the candidate if directors are elected
22 by the voters of a director district, rather than at-large.
23 A person may sign nomination petitions for more than one
24 candidate for the same office, and the signature is not invalid
25 solely because the person signed nomination petitions for
26 one or more other candidates for the office. The petition
27 shall be filed with the affidavit of the candidate being
28 nominated, stating the candidate's name, place of residence,
29 that such person is a candidate and is eligible for the office
30 the candidate seeks, and that if elected the candidate will
31 qualify for the office. The affidavit shall also state that
32 the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified
33 from holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a
34 felony or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have
35 not been restored by the governor, or by the president of the

1 United States, or by operation of law.

2 Sec. 25. Section 376.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
3 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4 **b.** The petition must include the affidavit of the individual
5 for whom it is filed, stating the individual's name, the
6 individual's residence, that the individual is a candidate and
7 eligible for the office, and that if elected the individual
8 will qualify for the office. The affidavit shall also state
9 that the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified
10 from holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a
11 felony or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have
12 not been restored by the governor, ~~or~~ by the president of the
13 United States, or by operation of law.

14 Sec. 26. Section 914.2, Code 2021, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **914.2 Right of application.**

17 Except as otherwise provided in [section 902.2](#) or [914.8](#), a
18 person convicted of a criminal offense has the right to make
19 application to the board of parole for recommendation or to
20 the governor for a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,
21 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of rights of
22 citizenship at any time following the conviction.

23 Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. **914.8 Restoration of right to**
24 **register and to vote.**

25 1. A person convicted of a felony criminal offense who has
26 been discharged from probation, parole, or work release or
27 who is released from confinement under section 902.6 because
28 the person has completed the person's term of confinement
29 shall have the person's right to register to vote and to vote
30 restored.

31 2. As soon as practicable, the department of corrections
32 or judicial district department of correctional services,
33 whichever is applicable, shall provide written notice to each
34 person, as described in subsection 1, who, on or after January
35 14, 2011, has been discharged from probation, parole, or work

1 release or who, on or after January 14, 2011, has completed a
2 term of confinement, that the person's right to register to
3 vote and to vote has been restored. The notice shall include a
4 voter registration form.

5 3. The department of corrections shall monthly provide a
6 list of all persons notified under subsection 2 in the previous
7 month to the state registrar of voters who shall provide the
8 information to the county registrars of voters as deemed
9 necessary.

10 4. A person described in subsection 1 may still make
11 application for a restoration of citizenship rights pursuant
12 to sections 914.1 through 914.6. Such an application, unless
13 withdrawn, shall be processed as required by this chapter.

14 5. This section shall not relieve a person of any unpaid
15 restitution, fine, or other obligation resulting from
16 conviction.

17 DIVISION III

18 ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD

19 Sec. 28. Section 53.8, subsection 1, paragraph a,
20 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Upon receipt of an application for an absentee ballot
23 and immediately after the absentee ballots are printed,
24 ~~but not more than twenty-nine days before the election, the~~
25 commissioner shall mail an absentee ballot to the applicant
26 within twenty-four hours, except as otherwise provided in
27 subsection 3. ~~When the United States post office is closed~~
28 ~~in observance of a federal holiday and is not delivering mail~~
29 ~~on the twenty-ninth day before the election, the first day to~~
30 ~~mail absentee ballots is the next business day on which mail~~
31 ~~delivery is available.~~ The absentee ballot shall be sent to
32 the registered voter by one of the following methods:

33 Sec. 29. Section 53.10, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. Not more than ~~twenty-nine~~ forty-five days before the

1 date of the primary election or the general election, the
2 commissioner shall provide facilities for absentee voting in
3 person at the commissioner's office. This service shall also
4 be provided for other elections as soon as the ballots are
5 ready, but in no case shall absentee ballots be available under
6 this section more than ~~twenty-nine~~ forty-five days before an
7 election.

8 Sec. 30. Section 53.11, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
9 2021, is amended to read as follows:

10 a. Not more than ~~twenty-nine~~ forty-five days before the
11 date of an election, satellite absentee voting stations may be
12 established throughout the cities and county at the direction
13 of the commissioner and shall be established upon receipt
14 of a petition signed by not less than one hundred eligible
15 electors requesting that a satellite absentee voting station
16 be established at a location to be described on the petition.
17 However, if a special election is scheduled in the county on a
18 date that falls between the date of the regular city election
19 and the date of the city runoff election, the commissioner is
20 not required to establish a satellite absentee voting station
21 for the city runoff election.

22 Sec. 31. Section 53.42, Code 2021, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **53.42 Voting in person in commissioner's office.**

25 Notwithstanding the provision as to time found in section
26 53.10, any qualified voter in the armed forces of the United
27 States may personally appear in the office of the commissioner
28 of the county of the voter's residence and there vote an absent
29 voter's ballot at any time not earlier than ~~forty~~ forty-five
30 days before the primary or general election, as the case may
31 be.

32 DIVISION IV

33 ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS

34 Sec. 32. Section 47.2, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
35 following new subsection:

1 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. The commissioner shall provide for
2 the submission of electronic absentee ballot applications on
3 the commissioner's internet site pursuant to section 53.2,
4 subsection 1, paragraph "c".

5 Sec. 33. Section 53.2, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
6 by adding the following new paragraphs:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A registered voter may apply to the
8 commissioner for an absentee ballot through electronic means
9 either through electronic mail sent to the commissioner or
10 through the commissioner's internet site. An electronic
11 application for an absentee ballot must be received by the
12 commissioner no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the
13 election. An electronic application for an absentee ballot
14 received by the commissioner more than seventy days prior to
15 the date of the election shall be retained by the commissioner
16 and processed in the same manner as an electronic application
17 received not more than seventy days before the date of the
18 election.

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. A registered voter may request an
20 absentee ballot from the commissioner by telephone. A request
21 by telephone must be received by the commissioner no later than
22 5:00 p.m. on the same day as the voter registration deadline
23 provided in section 48A.9 for the election for which the ballot
24 is requested.

25 Sec. 34. Section 53.2, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2021,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 a. To request an absentee ballot, a registered voter shall
28 provide:

29 (1) The name ~~and signature~~ of the registered voter.

30 (1A) For an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1,
31 paragraph "a" or "b", the signature of the registered voter.

32 (2) The registered voter's date of birth.

33 (3) The address at which the voter is registered to vote.

34 (4) The registered voter's voter verification number
35 or, for an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1,

1 paragraph "c", either the registered voter's voter verification
2 number or the last four numerals of the registered voter's
3 social security number.

4 (5) The name or date of the election for which the absentee
5 ballot is requested.

6 (6) Such other information as may be necessary to determine
7 the correct absentee ballot for the registered voter.

8 DIVISION V

9 ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS

10 Sec. 35. NEW SECTION. 53.4 Ongoing absentee voter.

11 A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot under
12 section 53.2 may request to receive an absentee ballot for all
13 subsequent elections or for each subsequent general election
14 in which that person is eligible to vote and qualifies under
15 section 53.1. The state commissioner shall provide check boxes
16 on the prescribed form for this purpose. For all subsequent
17 elections or for each subsequent general election, the county
18 commissioner of elections shall automatically mail an absentee
19 ballot to the requesting voter, or automatically deliver an
20 absentee ballot if the requester is a person voting pursuant to
21 section 53.22. A voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter
22 shall be terminated upon the request of the voter or by the
23 county commissioner if the voter fails to qualify under section
24 53.1 or if the voter fails to vote in two consecutive general
25 elections.

26 DIVISION VI

27 SATELLITE ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATIONS

28 Sec. 36. Section 53.11, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. This section shall not be construed
31 to prohibit the commissioner from establishing a satellite
32 absentee voting station at the discretion of the commissioner.

33 DIVISION VII

34 VOTER IDENTIFICATION

35 Sec. 37. Section 49.78, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code

1 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

2 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) A voter registration card.

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) A social security card.

4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (8) A birth certificate.

5 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (9) An identification document for

6 receiving public assistance.

7 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (10) An electronic benefits transfer

8 card issued to a beneficiary of the federal supplemental

9 nutrition assistance program.

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (11) A Medicare or Medicaid card.

11 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (12) A long-term care identification

12 card.

13 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (13) A hunting license.

14 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (14) A fishing license.

15 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (15) An identification card issued by a

16 college or university.

17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (16) An employee identification card

18 issued by a governmental entity.

19 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (17) An identification card issued by an

20 employer.

21 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (18) A union membership card.

22 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (19) A paycheck.

23 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (20) A debit or credit card.

24 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (21) A utility bill, whether presented in

25 print or in an electronic format.

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (22) A form of identification approved by

27 the Iowa state association of county auditors.

28 Sec. 38. Section 49.78, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2021, are

29 amended to read as follows:

30 4. A person who is registered to vote but is unable

31 to present a form of identification under [subsection 2](#) or

32 3 may establish identity and residency in the precinct by

33 written oath of a person who is also registered to vote in

34 the precinct. The attesting registered voter's oath shall

35 attest to the stated identity of the person wishing to vote

1 and that the person is a current resident of the precinct.
2 The oath must be signed by the attesting registered voter in
3 the presence of the appropriate precinct election official.
4 ~~A registered voter who has signed two oaths on election day~~
5 ~~attesting to a person's identity and residency as provided in~~
6 ~~this subsection is prohibited from signing any further oaths as~~
7 ~~provided in this subsection on that day.~~

8 5. The form of the written oath required of a registered
9 voter attesting to the identity and residency of the voter
10 unable to present a form of identification shall read as
11 follows:

12 I, (name of attesting registered voter), do solemnly
13 swear or affirm all of the following:
14 I am a preregistered voter in this precinct or I registered to
15 vote in this precinct today, and a registered voter did not
16 sign an oath on my behalf. ~~I will not sign more than two oaths~~
17 ~~attesting to the identity and residence of any other person in~~
18 ~~this election.~~

19 I am a resident of the ... precinct, ... ward or township,
20 city of, county of, Iowa.

21 I reside at (street address) in (city or
22 township).

23 I personally know (name of voter), and I personally know
24 that (name of voter) is a resident of the ... precinct,
25 ward or township, city of, county of, Iowa.

26 I understand that any false statement in this oath is a class
27 "D" felony punishable by no more than five years in confinement
28 and a fine of at least seven hundred fifty dollars but not more
29 than seven thousand five hundred dollars.

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31 Signature of Attesting Registered Voter

32 Subscribed and sworn before me on (date).

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34 Signature of Precinct Election Official

35 DIVISION VIII

1 ELECTION MISCONDUCT

2 Sec. 39. Section 39A.4, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
3 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (12) Communicating false information to
5 a person to prevent the person from voting.

6 DIVISION IX

7 ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING

8 Sec. 40. Section 53.23, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
9 2021, is amended to read as follows:
10 c. For the general election, the commissioner may convene
11 the special precinct election board on the ~~day~~ Saturday and
12 Monday before the election to begin counting absentee ballots.
13 However, if in the preceding general election the counting of
14 absentee ballots was not completed by 10:00 p.m. on election
15 day, the commissioner shall convene the special precinct
16 election board on the ~~day~~ Saturday and Monday before the next
17 general election to begin counting absentee ballots. The board
18 shall not release the results of its tabulation pursuant to
19 this paragraph until the count is completed on election day.

20 DIVISION X

21 ABSENT VOTING BY UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

22 Sec. 41. NEW SECTION. 53.54 **Reports.**

23 The state commissioner shall, before and after each
24 election, submit to the general assembly a report documenting
25 the availability of absentee ballots to voters under this
26 subchapter, the number of ballots transmitted, and the number
27 of ballots returned.

28 DIVISION XI

29 CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

30 Sec. 42. Section 48A.28, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A commissioner shall not conduct a
33 systematic program to remove records from the official list
34 of registered voters later than six months before a general
35 election.

1 Sec. 43. Section 48A.30, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A voter registration shall not be
4 canceled solely on the basis that mail to the voter was
5 returned as undeliverable except as provided in section 48A.29.

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A voter registration shall not be
7 canceled unless the commissioner verifies that the registration
8 belongs to an ineligible voter. The commissioner shall verify
9 that the identity of the ineligible voter matches the voter
10 registration to be canceled through one of the following means:

11 a. The voter's full name.

12 b. The voter's date of birth.

13 c. The last four digits of the voter's social security
14 number.

15 d. Documentation from the electronic registration
16 information center that the voter is no longer a resident of
17 this state.

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Prior to canceling a voter registration,
19 the commissioner shall publicly publish notice of the
20 cancellation as provided in chapter 618.

21 DIVISION XII

22 ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOXES

23 Sec. 44. NEW SECTION. 53.28 **Absentee ballot drop boxes.**

24 1. Each commissioner shall establish at least one drop box
25 to which a voter may return a completed absentee ballot per
26 twenty-five thousand residents of the county.

27 2. The state commissioner shall adopt rules for the
28 placement and security of absentee ballot drop boxes and the
29 return of absentee ballots to absentee ballot drop boxes.

30 DIVISION XIII

31 EFFECTIVE DATE

32 Sec. 45. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

34 2. Title page, line 1, by striking <including>

35 3. Title page, by striking line 2.

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